

*Celebrating the Life
of
Ellis "Pee Wee" Oris Richardson*

*Sunrise: October 20, 1925, Timpson, Texas
Sunset: August 2, 2003, Hayward, California*



Services held

*Friday, August 8, 2003, 11:00 a.m.
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
6901 Rudsdale Street
Oakland, California 94621
Reverend Herbert Guice, D.D.,
Pastor
Reverend Mark Boutte,
Officiating*



Celebration of Ellis "Pee Wee" Oris Richardson's Life

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." Revelation 2:14 KJV

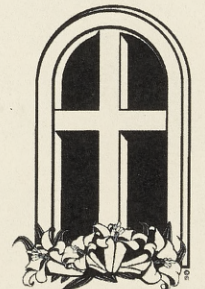
Ellis Oris Harris was born on October 20, 1925 in Timpson, Texas to the late Dave & Johnnie Lilly Harris. Ellis' mother died ten days after her birth. She was raised by her aunt, Lucy V. Yarbrough in Nacogdoches, Texas where she attended E. J. Campbell High School. Ellis had six siblings: three brothers, Ulice James, Edalgo & Rudolph and three sisters, Audra V., Lura and Mary Lou. Ellis was baptized at an early age at Sunset Galilee Baptist Church in Nacogdoches, Texas under the leadership of Reverend Leeks. Ellis met and married Henry C. Robinson in 1941 and to this union, Sandra, Ellis' first child was born. Ellis moved to Richmond, California in 1943. There she met David Jackson and to this union were born, Alice Marie, Agnes and Gwendolyn. In 1956 Ellis was working at the Livermore Veteran Hospital where she met and later married Lloyd (Richard) Richardson and they moved to Oakland, California. To this union three children were born, Michael, Michelle and Dwight. Ellis and Richard also raised two granddaughters, Latrice and Ashley. Many of Ellis' friends affectionately called her "Pee Wee" and Richard always called her "Short". Ellis was known for her great cooking, especially her gumbo, fried chicken, barbecue and peach cobbler. She always had food on the stove if you dropped by. Everyone knew that on special holidays, you could bring your Tupperware because she always cooked enough so that everyone could take some food home for the next day or two. Ellis was employed at Del Monte Cannery for 23 years until her retirement. Ellis worked for the Oakland Unified School as a Food Service Worker where she retired in June 1999. Ellis did not like retirement so returned to work until her stroke on July 11, 2002. In 1975 Ellis united with the Bethel Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Herbert Guice. Ellis was a faithful member of the Bethel Senior Usher Board and the Sunday School Department until her illness no longer allowed her to serve. She also worked on the kitchen committee during Vacation Bible School. After her stroke, Ellis resided in the Eden West Rehabilitation Center in Hayward. She was in and out of Kaiser Hospital many times over the last year. *"God saw the road getting rough, the hills were hard to climb. He gently closed those loving eyes and whispered "Peace Be Thine".* On Saturday morning, August 2, 2003 Ellis quietly made her transition from earth to her reward. Ellis' parents, aunt, Lucy Yarbrough, husband, Lloyd Richardson, daughter, Alice Marie and three brothers, Ulice James, Edalgo & Rudolph preceded her in death. Ellis leaves to celebrate her life, six children, Sandra Rhodes & Gwen Easter, Richmond, Ca., Agnes Wilson, Los Angeles, Ca and Michael (Marie), Michelle & Dwight (Gina) Richardson, all of Oakland, Ca.; three sisters, Audra V. Roberts, Wichita Falls, Texas, Lura Thomas, Timpson, Texas & Mary Lou Scott, Los Angeles, Ca.; one sister-in-law, Essie Richardson, Denver, Colorado; nine grandchildren, Kedra, Kevin, Kelley, Latrice, Ashley, DeMario, Erricka, Ebony & Dwight II; five great grandchildren, Kevin Jr., Shakir, Mahala, Erik & Jamaya; her special cousin, Ruth Yarbrough, who is the last of the family that came from Texas to Richmond, California during World War II, and a host of relatives and friends.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
II Timothy 4:17 KJV

Order of Service

Piano & Organ Prelude Musicians
Processional Ministers & Family
Scripture Reading Minister
Invocation Minister
Selection "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" Choir
Acknowledgements & Condolences Bro. Carter Gilmore
Expressions Reverend Dr. Kevin Hall
Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, Richmond, California
Expressions Reverend Joseph K. Flowers
Pastor, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Vallejo, California
Family Tribute-Oldest Child Minister Sandra Rhodes
Solo "Because He Lives" Sis. Chrishenda Cooper
Ushers' Resolution Sis. Martha Taylor
Church Resolution Sis. Martha Brown
Obituary Sis. Delores Murray
Selection "When We All Get To Heaven" Choir
Eulogy Reverend Mark Boutte
Parting View . . . C. P. Bannon Mortuary Inc. Staff in Charge
Recessional Ministers & Family

Interment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
Sunset Valor Garden
Richmond, California



Active Pallbearers

*Donald Dupree
Reginald Lowe
Barrett Ralls*

*Keith Sledge
Cornell Smith
Tharon Whittaker*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Kevin Eugene Holmes
Dwight Richardson
Michael Richardson
Hiram Smith
Bethel Baptist Church Usher Board*



Acknowledgements

We wish to thank you for your many cards, kind deeds, your consoling words and prayers during the passing of our loved one. It means so much to the family to know that you cared. If during this period of grief we have overlooked anyone, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Family of Ellis Richardson



Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to C.P. Bannon Mortuary
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